

ULTRAMAN

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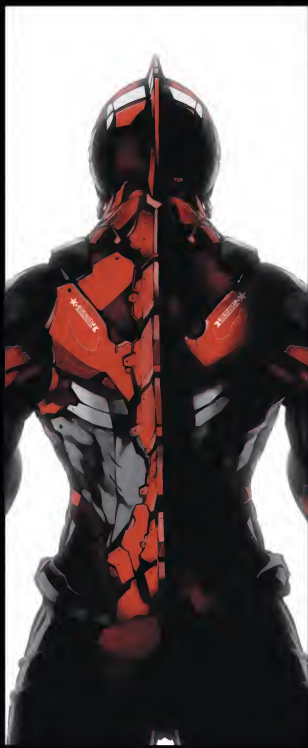
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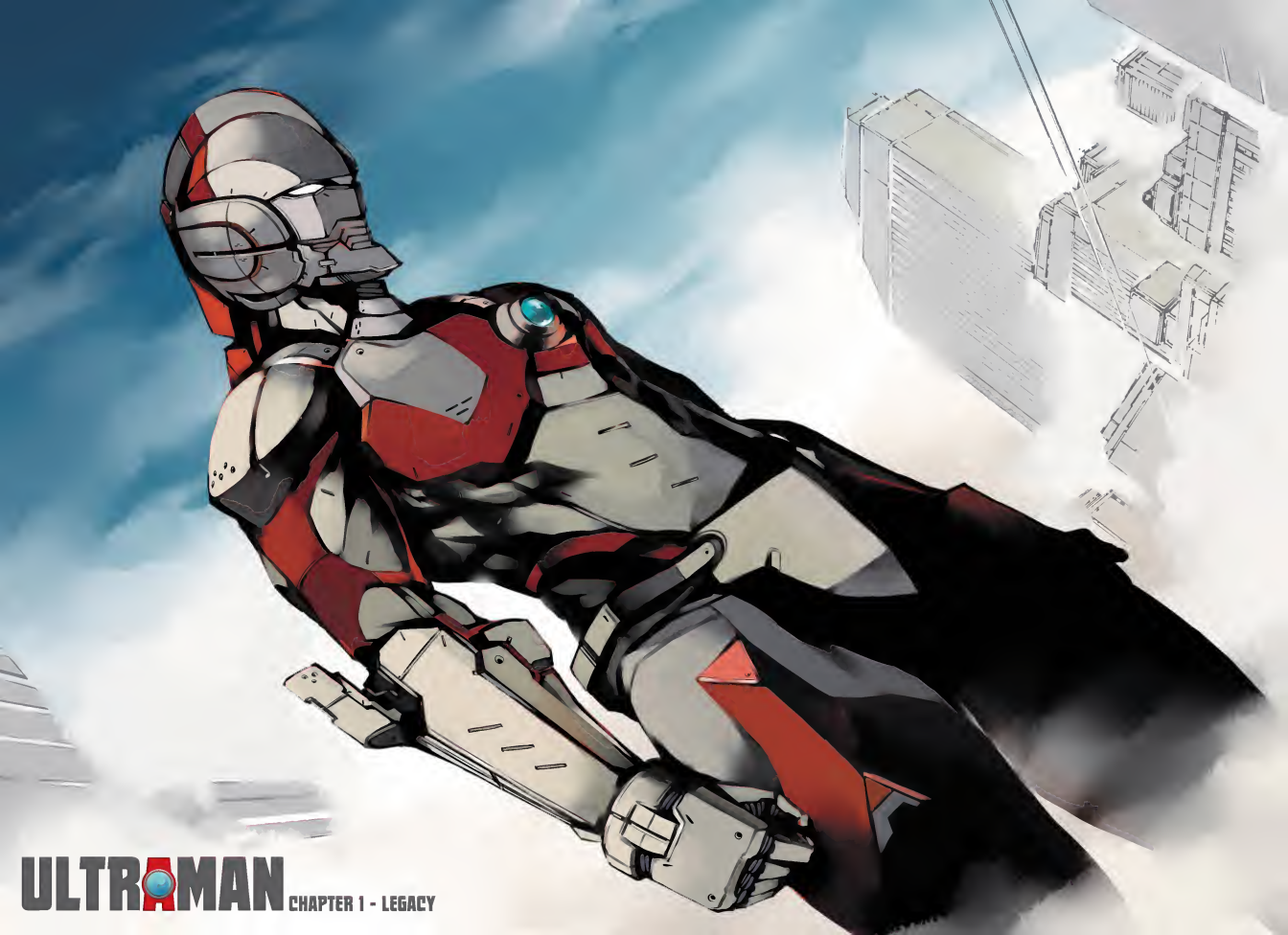
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...AND SAVED
THE PLANET
COUNTLESS
TIMES FROM
ACTS OF
CHAOS AND
DESTRUCTION
CAUSED
BY ALIEN
INVASIONS
AND GIANT
CREATURES
CALLED
KAIJU.



ONCE
THERE WAS
A BEING
KNOWN
AS THE
GIANT OF
LIGHT,
WHO
MERGED
WITH AN
EARTHLING...



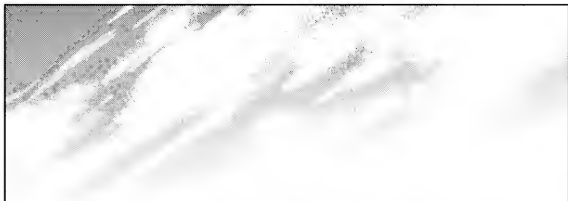
ULTRAMAN CHAPTER 1 - LEGACY

THE
EARTHLING
LOST ALL
MEMORY
OF THE
PAIRING AND
RETURNED
TO LIFE AS
A NORMAL
HUMAN.



EVENTUALLY
THE GIANT
OF LIGHT
FULFILLED
HIS MISSION
AND
RETURNED
TO HIS HOME
IN DEEP
SPACE.

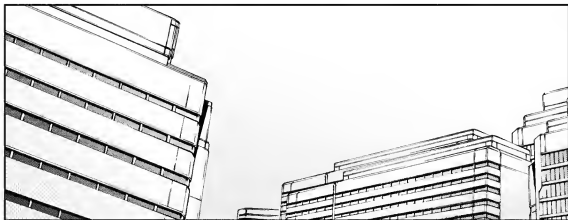
FREE FROM ALIEN AGGRESSION, THE EARTH WAS NOW PEACEFUL.



THOUGH HUMAN CONFLICTS CONTINUED, HUMANITY ITSELF FACED
NO MORE THREATS FROM EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL INVADERS.



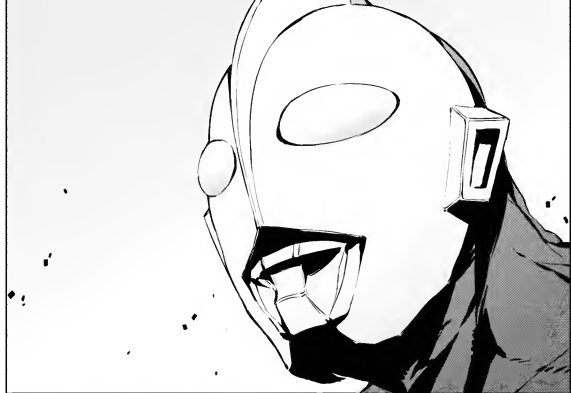
SEVERAL DECADES LATER...

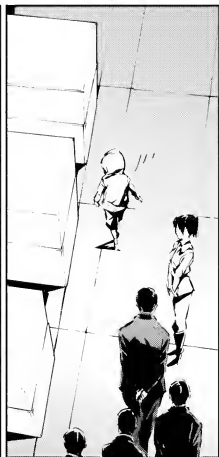
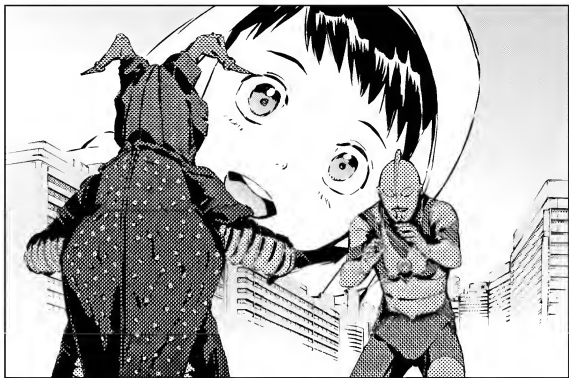




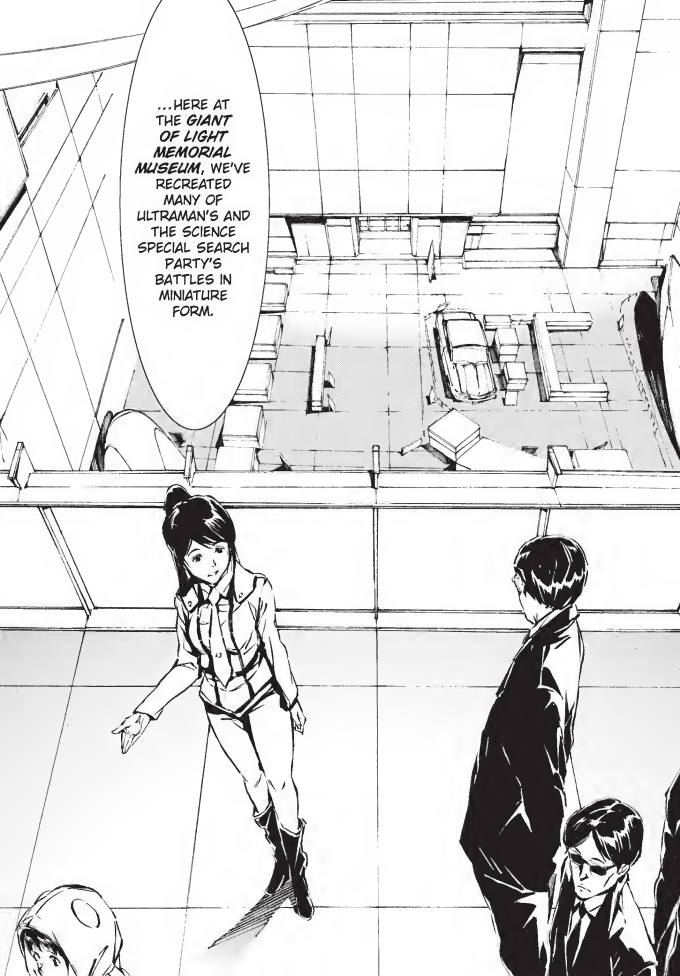
THIS TALE BEGINS YEARS AFTER THE GIANT OF LIGHT—ALSO KNOWN AS
ULTRAMAN—BECAME ONLY A MEMORY...





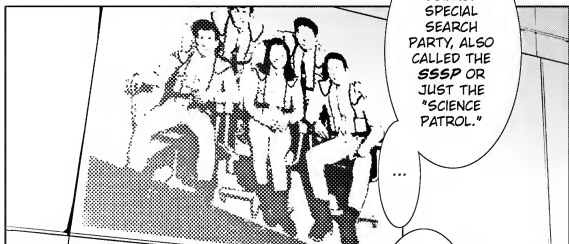


...HERE AT
THE *GIANT*
OF LIGHT
MEMORIAL
MUSEUM, WE'VE
RECREATED
MANY OF
ULTRAMAN'S AND
THE SCIENCE
SPECIAL SEARCH
PARTY'S
BATTLES IN
MINIATURE
FORM.





IF
YOU LOOK
OVER HERE,
YOU'LL SEE
A PHOTO
OF...



...THE
SCIENCE
SPECIAL
SEARCH
PARTY, ALSO
CALLED THE
SSSP OR
JUST THE
"SCIENCE
PATROL."

...



SHIN-
JIRO.

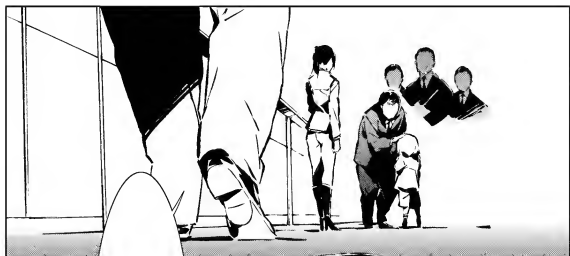
DO YOU
KNOW WHICH
ONE IS MY
DADDY?



I GUESS
YOU DIDN'T
NEED ME
TO EXPLAIN
THAT.

HA
HA
HA

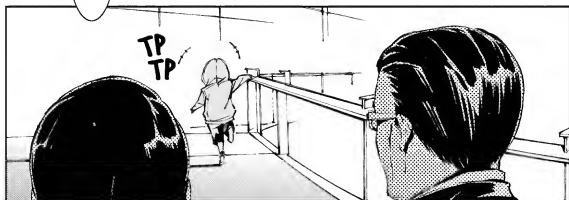




DEFENSE
MINISTER
HAYATA.

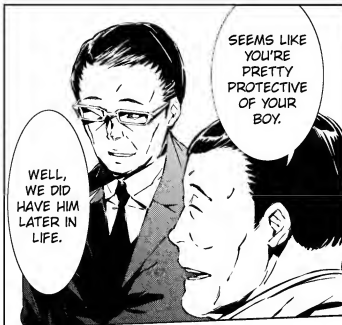








ENOUGH
ABOUT
ME. WHAT
BROUGHT
YOU HERE
TODAY?



WELL,
WE DID
HAVE HIM
LATER IN
LIFE.

SEEMS LIKE
YOU'RE
PRETTY
PROTECTIVE
OF YOUR
BOY.



WE CERTAINLY
DON'T SEE
MUCH OF EACH
OTHER THESE
DAYS.

I WAS IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD
AND HEARD YOU
WERE HERE, SO
I THOUGHT I'D
COME SEE YOU.

HUH?
OH...



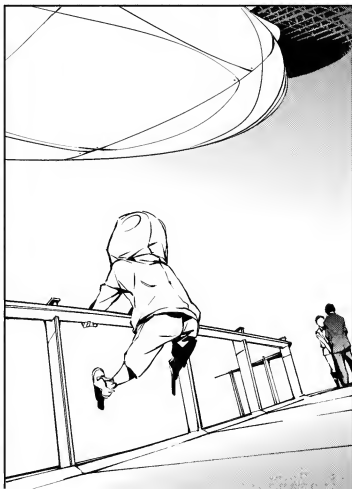
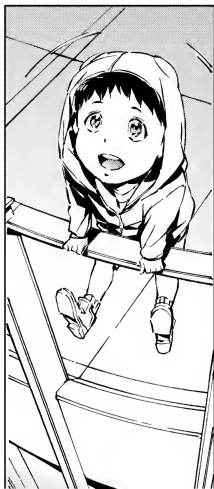
UH...

EXCUSE
ME, SIR.
SORRY TO
INTERRUPT,
BUT...



COME
ON, YOU
KNOW
HOW
BUSY-

RIGHT, EVEN
THOUGH I
WORK AT
THE MINISTRY
OF DEFENSE
TOO.



SHINJIRO

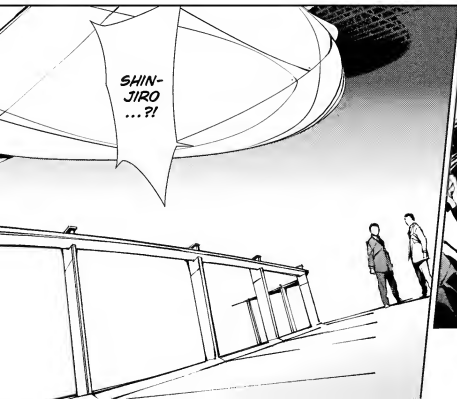


I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT! THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!

WOW! AN
AUTOGRAPH
FROM AGENT
HAYATA!



AH... I
GUESS HE
DOESN'T
WANT
MINE...



SHIN-
JIRO
...?!

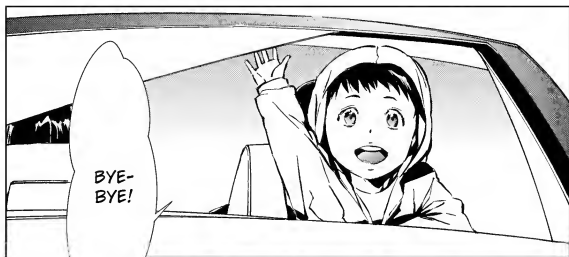


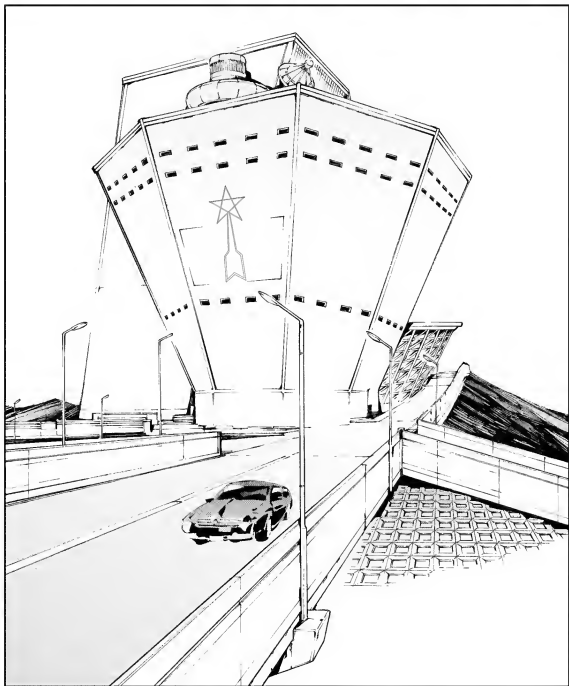


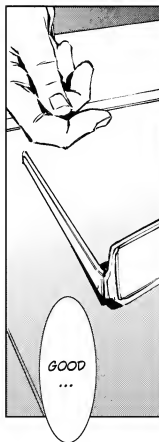
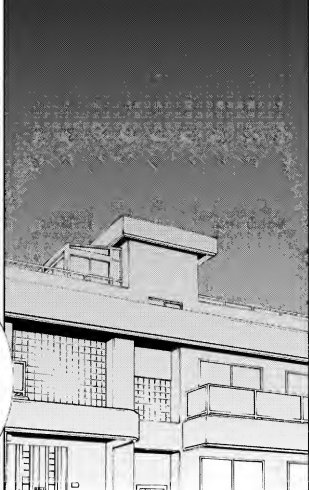


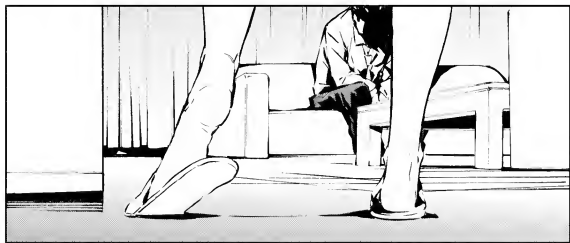




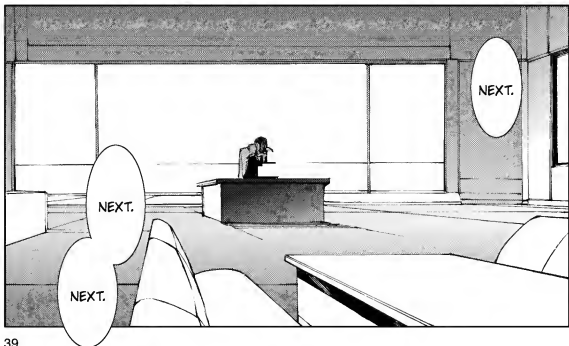
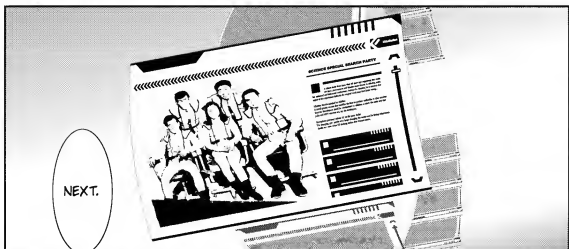
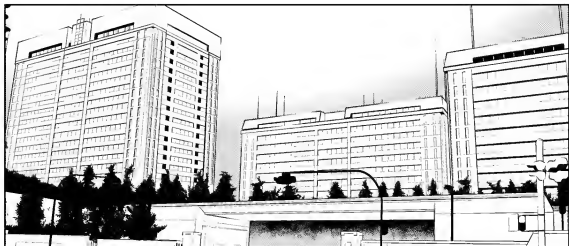


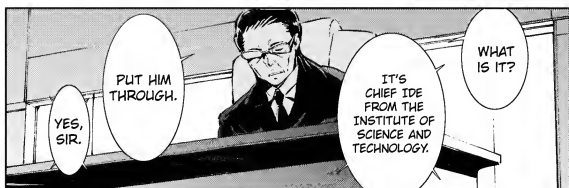


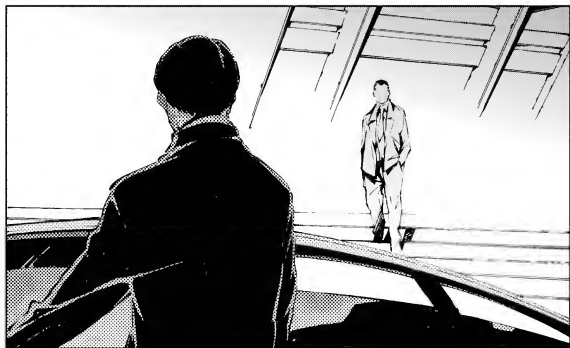
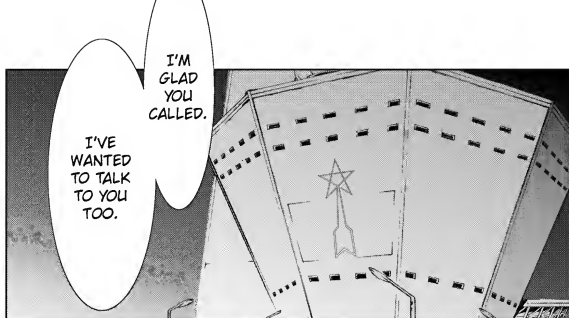


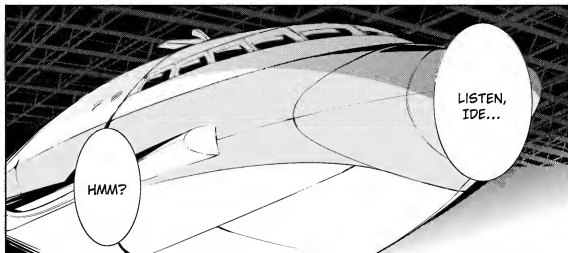
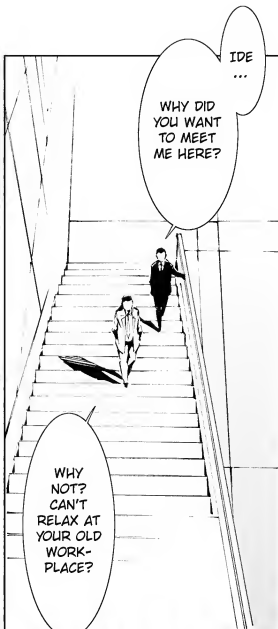


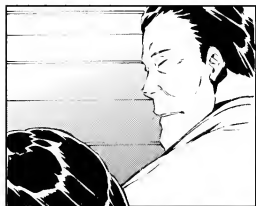
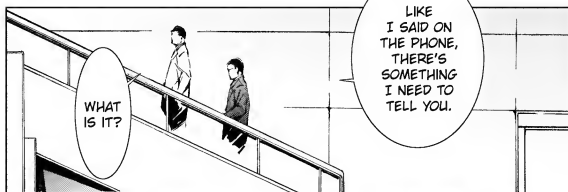














...THE TIME
BETWEEN
ULTRAMAN'S
ARRIVAL AND
DEPARTURE
FROM EARTH.

OF...



NO
MEMORIES?
NO
MEMORIES
OF WHAT?



THAT'S
RIGHT.



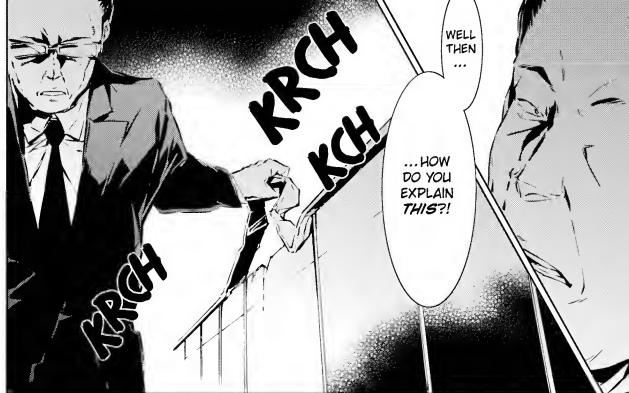
ARE YOU
SAYING YOU
HAVE NO
MEMORY OF
ULTRAMAN
AT ALL?



SO
THEY
TELL
ME.

THAT'S
STRANGE,
SEEING AS HOW
YOU WERE IN
THE SCIENCE
PATROL BACK
THEN.







YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT
SHIN-
JIRO.



BESIDES THE
AMNESIA AND
ENHANCED
STRENGTH,
I'M BASICALLY
NORMAL. AND
THOUGH THINGS
WERE A LITTLE
HECTIC, WITH THE
DISBANDMENT OF
THE SSSP AND
THEN...

...AND
SO I GOT
CARELESS.



...MY
APPOINTMENT
TO THE
MINISTRY OF
DEFENSE... I'VE
BEEN ABLE TO
LEAD A RATHER
QUIET LIFE.
IN DOING SO
I THOUGHT
ABOUT IT LESS
AND LESS...



MAYBE EVEN
MORE SO THAN
ME...

YES.

YOU SAW IT
TOO. THE BOY
IS DIFFERENT.



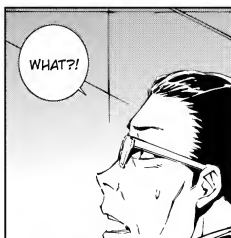
THERE'S
SOMETHING
I WANT TO
SHOW YOU.

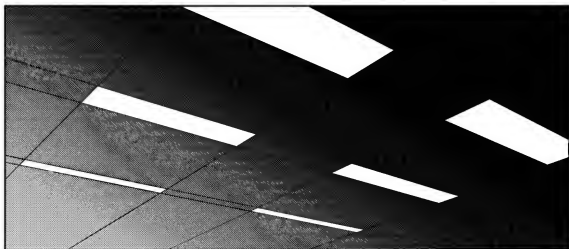
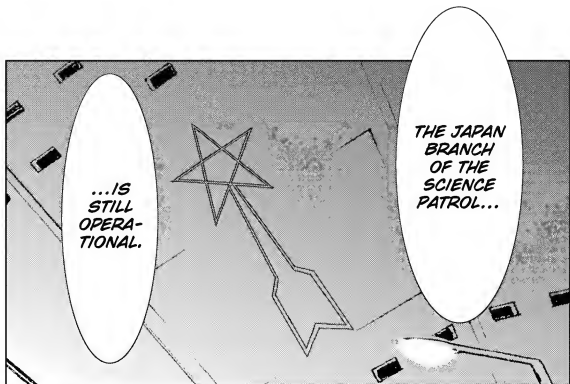


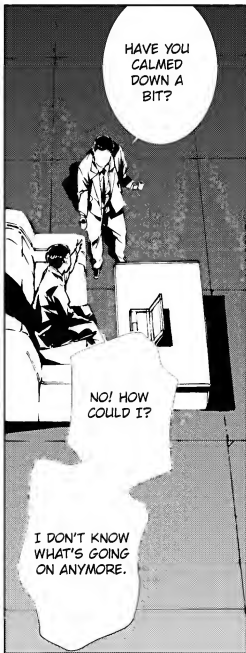
IT MAY HAVE
SOMETHING
TO DO WITH
WHAT'S
HAPPENING
TO YOU AND
SHINJIRO.

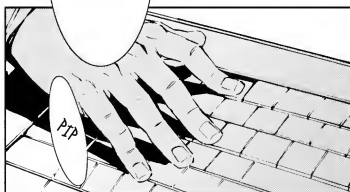


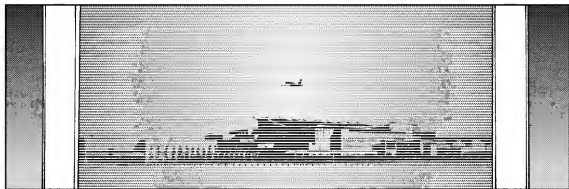
C'MON. LET'S
HEAD OVER
TO MY LAB.

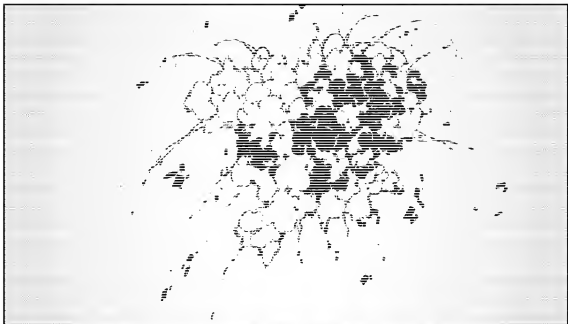






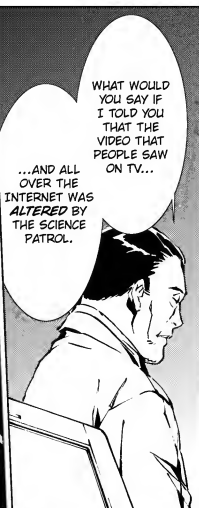






WHAT?!

UNDER
WHOSE
AUTHORITY
WAS
THAT...



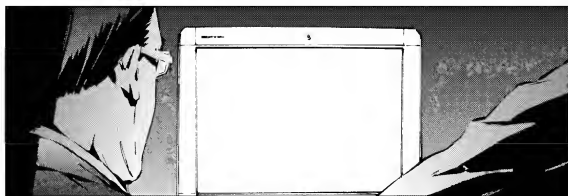
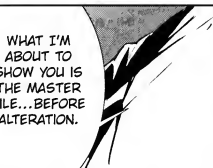
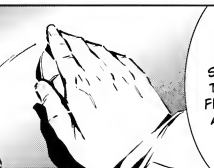
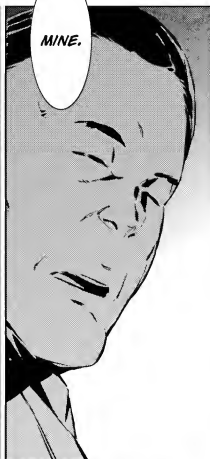
...AND ALL
OVER THE
INTERNET WAS
ALTERED BY
THE SCIENCE
PATROL.

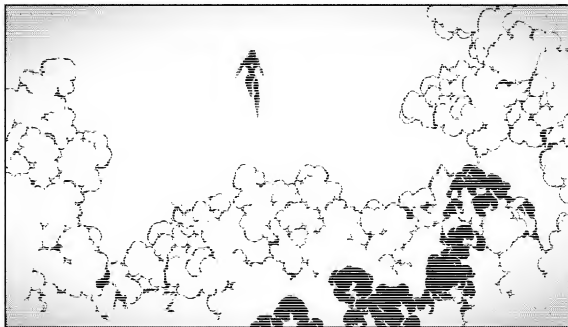
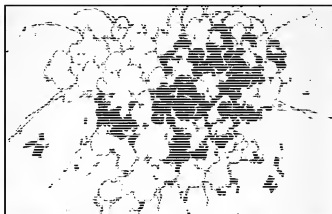
WHAT WOULD
YOU SAY IF
I TOLD YOU
THAT THE
VIDEO THAT
PEOPLE SAW
ON TV...

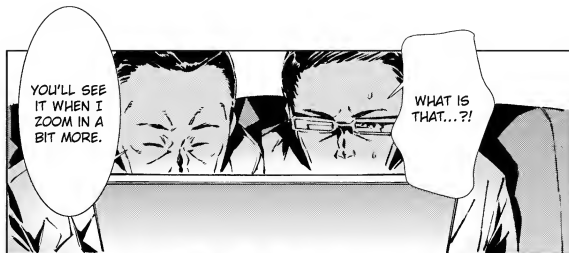


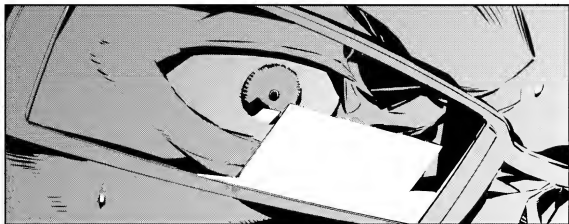
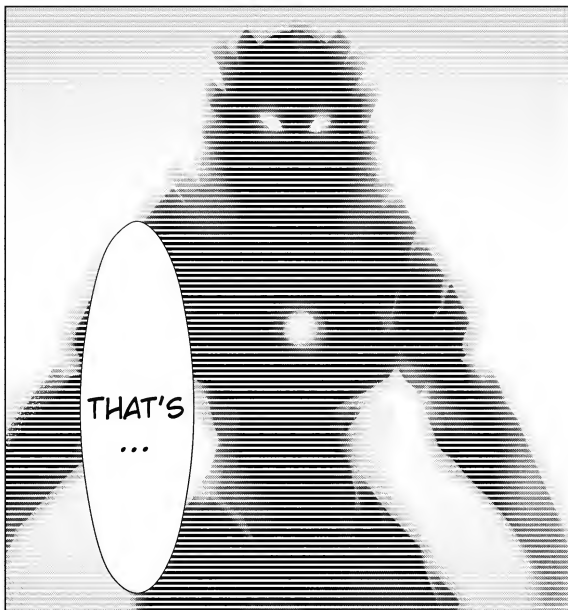
YES,
BUT THE
AIRLINE
CONTINUES
TO DENY
THAT.

AT FIRST
THEY SAID
IT WAS A
TERRORIST
ATTACK, BUT
IT TURNED
OUT TO BE A
MAINTENANCE
FAILURE.



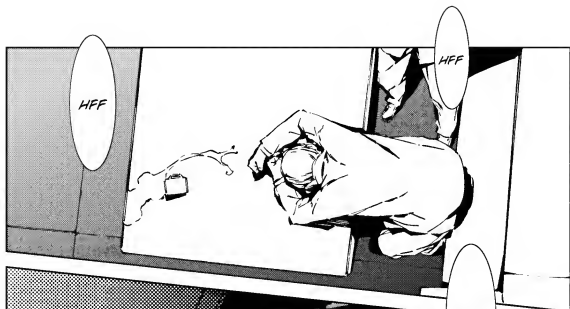




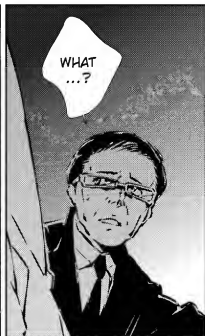
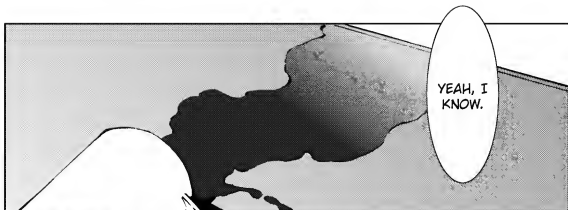


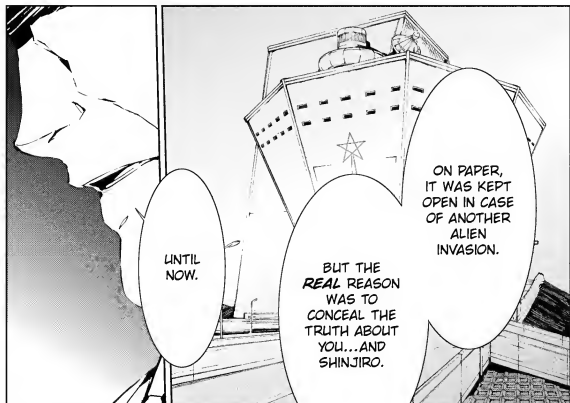






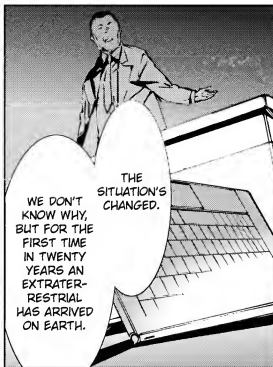








AND
THAT'S WHAT
DESTROYED
THE PLANE?



WE DON'T
KNOW WHY,
BUT FOR THE
FIRST TIME
IN TWENTY
YEARS AN
EXTRATER-
RESTRIAL
HAS ARRIVED
ON EARTH.

THE
SITUATION'S
CHANGED.



UNTIL
NOW
...?

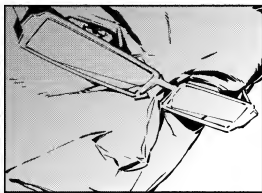


ONE THING
WE'RE CERTAIN
OF-IT'S NO
FRIEND OF
HUMANITY.

YEAH.



PLUS
...



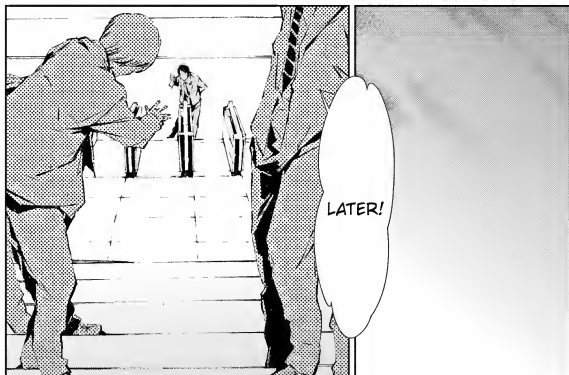


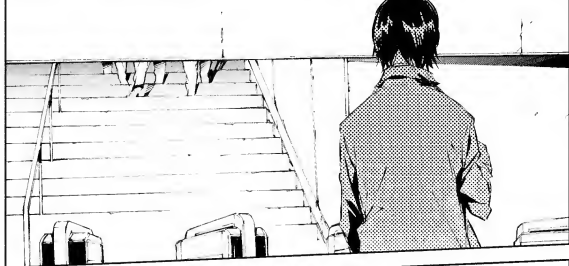


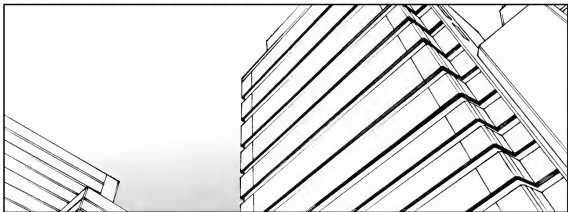
TWELVE YEARS LATER







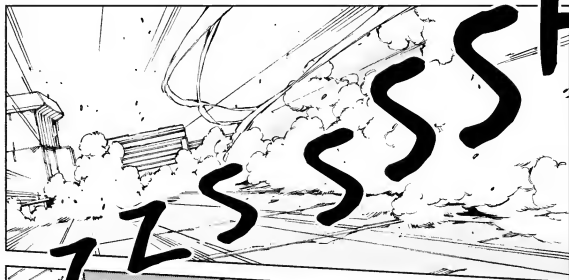












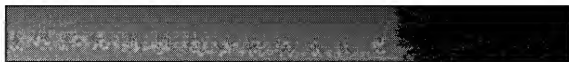


WHF



ULTRAMAN
CHAPTER 2 - NEMESIS





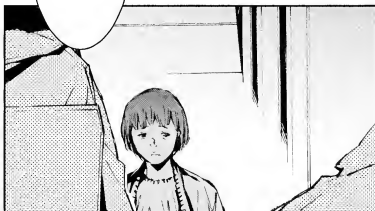




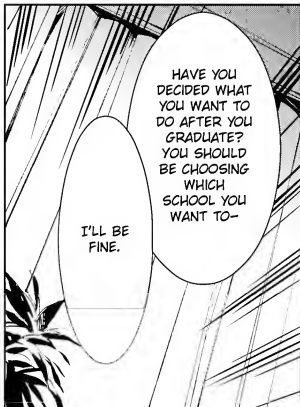
I DUNNO.
THE SAME?



HOW ARE
THINGS AT
SCHOOL?

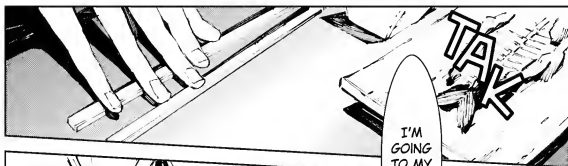


I HAVE
SOME
IDEAS.



HAVE YOU
DECIDED WHAT
YOU WANT TO
DO AFTER YOU
GRADUATE?
YOU SHOULD
BE CHOOSING
WHICH
SCHOOL YOU
WANT TO--

I'LL BE
FINE.









ISN'T THAT
THE GIRL WHO
WAS CHECKING
YOU OUT
YESTERDAY?

HUH?



I FEEL BAD
FOR HER, BUT
WE CAN'T DO
ANYTHING
ABOUT IT.

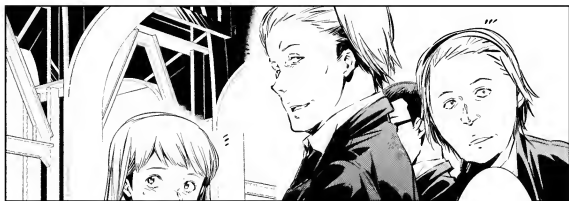
UGH...THAT
DOES **NOT** LOOK
LIKE A GOOD
SITUATION.

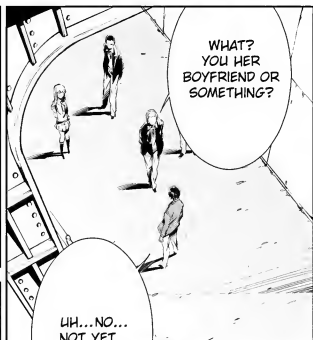


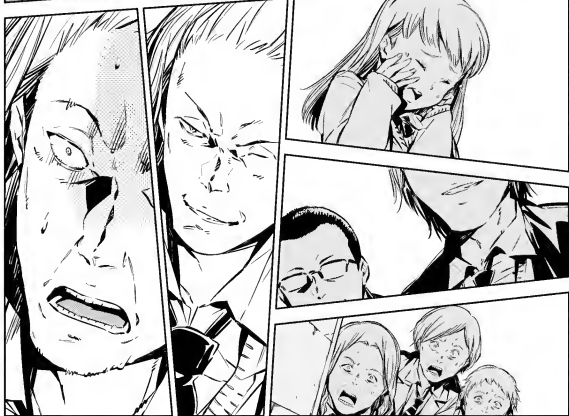
THOSE
GOONS
ARE FROM
NISHI HIGH
SCHOOL!



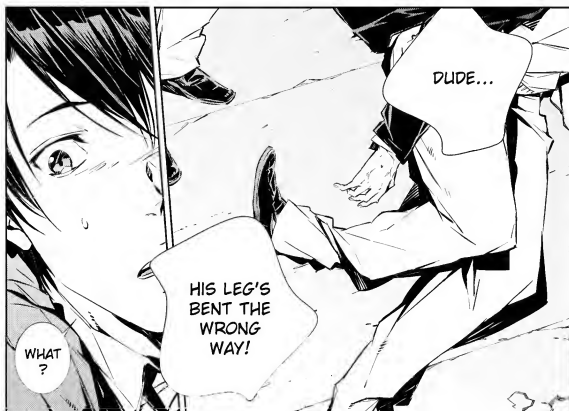








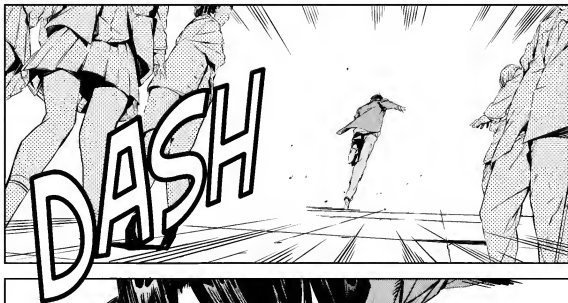






HEY! SOMEONE
CALL AN
AMBULANCE!



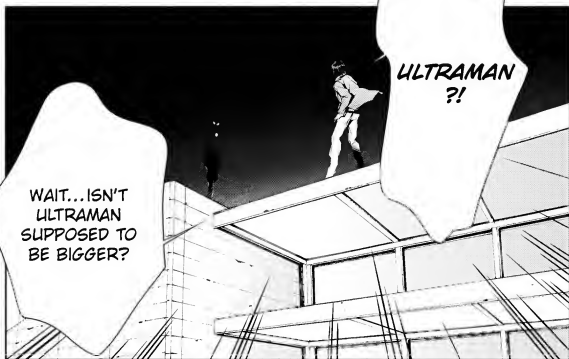










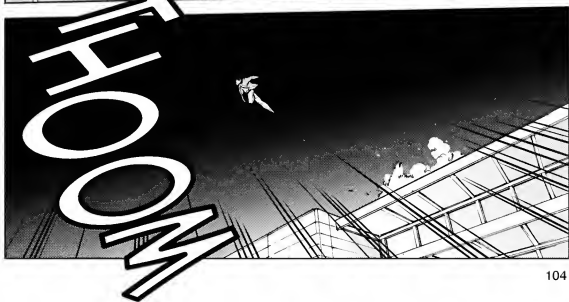




AND THAT
POWER
DOES NOT
BELONG
HERE ON
EARTH.









WHAT
THE
HELL?!

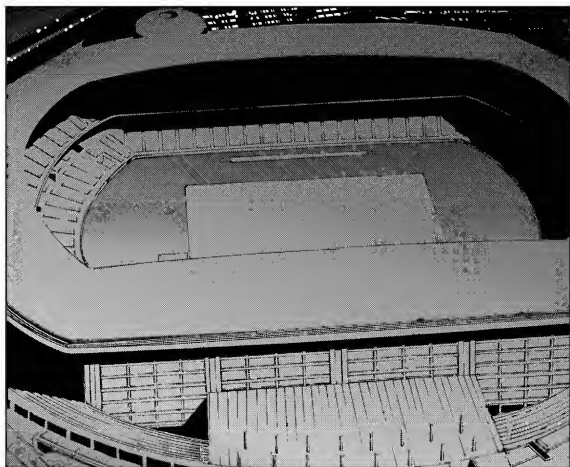
WHY'S
THIS MINI-
ULTRAMAN
ATTACKING
ME?!



SKIP

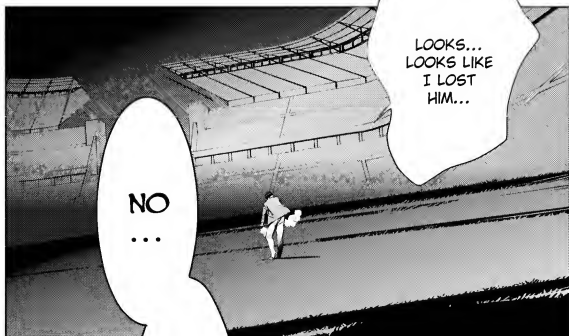
MAYBE HE'S
WITH THOSE
GUYS FROM
EARLIER
AND WANTS
REVENGE...

NAH,
THAT'S
STUPID.



KMP SKFFF





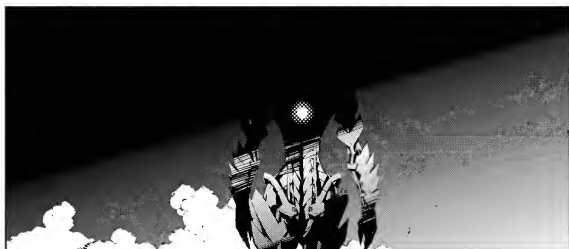
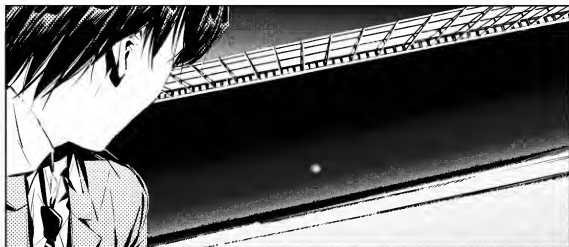
LOOKS...
LOOKS LIKE
I LOST
HIM...

NO
...

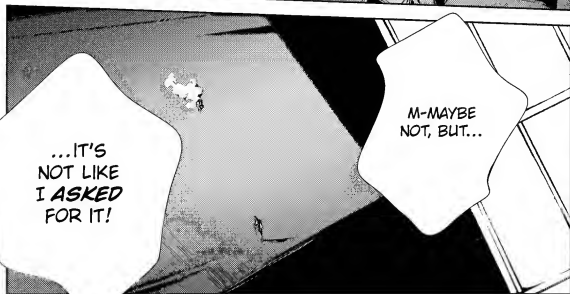
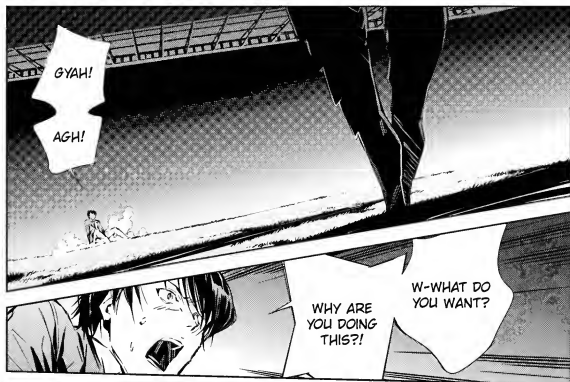


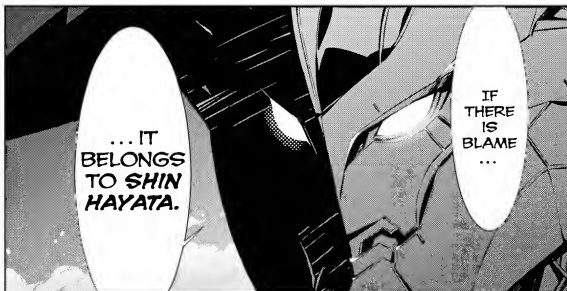
YOU
HAVE
NOT
ESCAPED
ME.

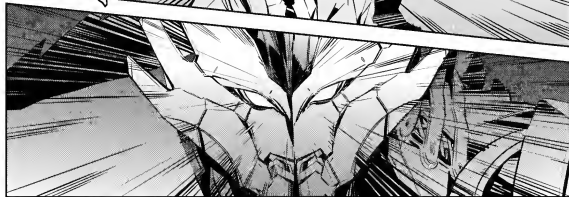
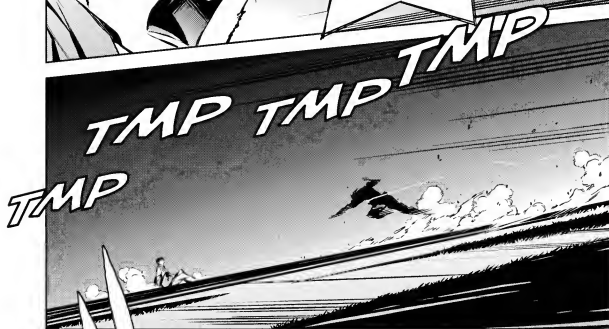






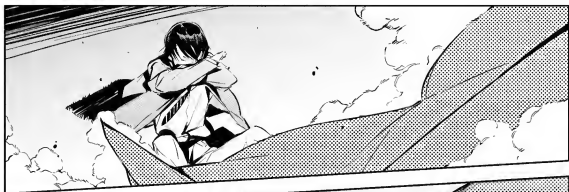
















I'VE KNOWN
ABOUT THIS
THING FOR
OVER TEN
YEARS.



WHO IS
THAT GUY?!



LISTEN,
SHINJIRO
...



HE LOOKS
KINDA LIKE
ULTRAMAN...





I AM
ULTRA-
MAN!





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CHAPTER 3 - DECISION

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MY
ABILITIES
...?

YOU
KNEW
ABOUT
THEM?!

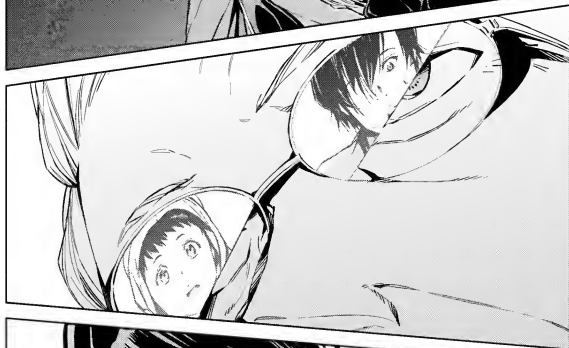


I'M GOING
TO TOSS
YOU UP
TO THAT
HELICOPTER
NOW.

WITH YOUR
ABILITIES,
YOU SHOULD
GET ABOARD
SAFELY.







DAD

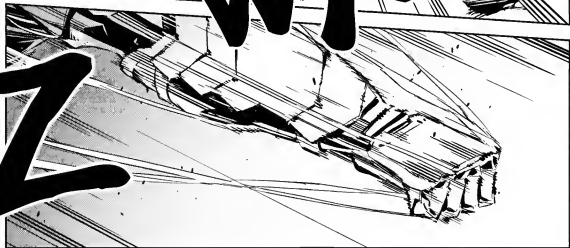
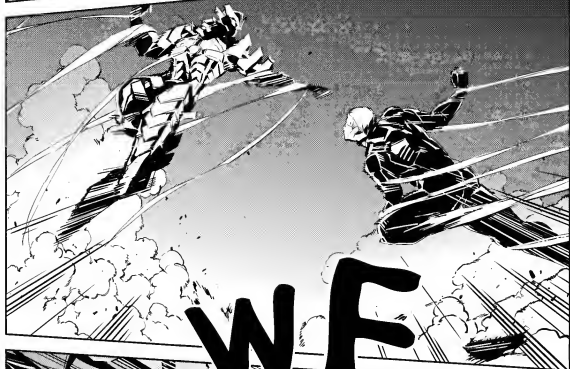
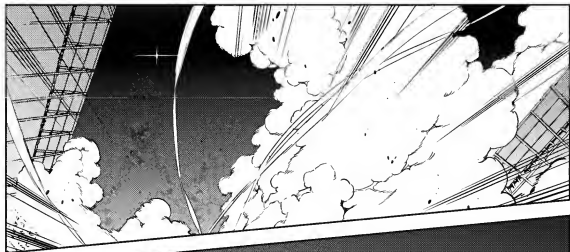
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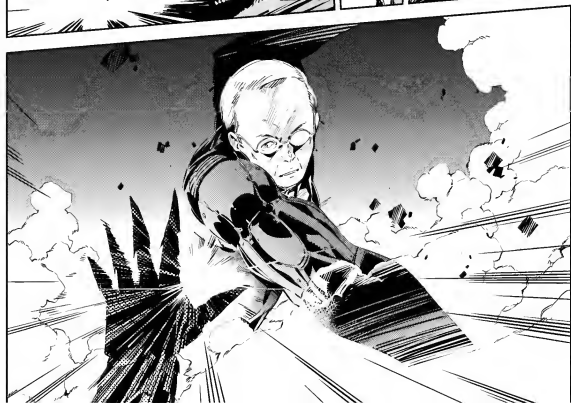


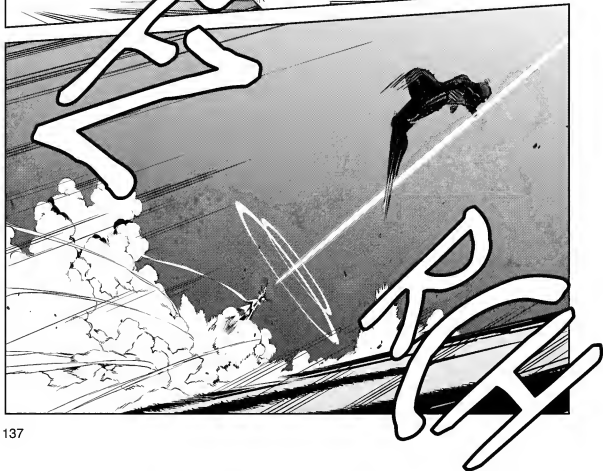


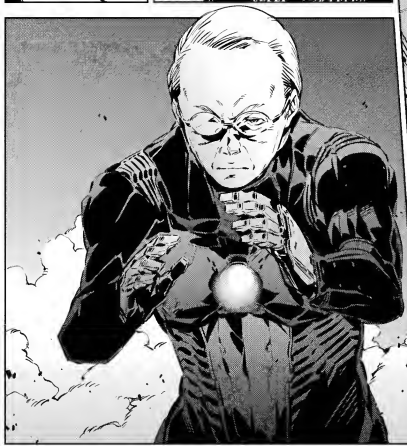
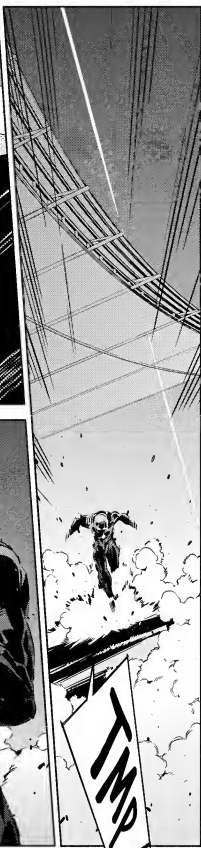
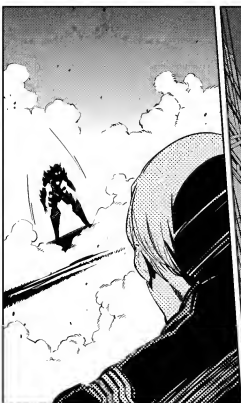


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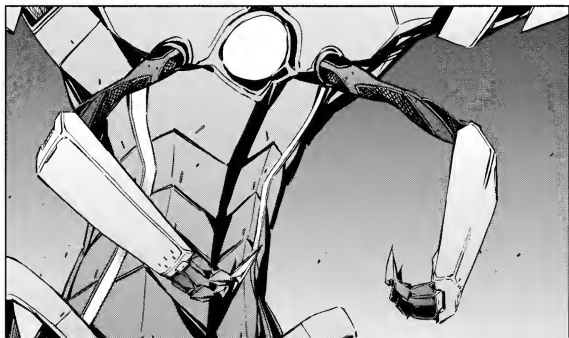
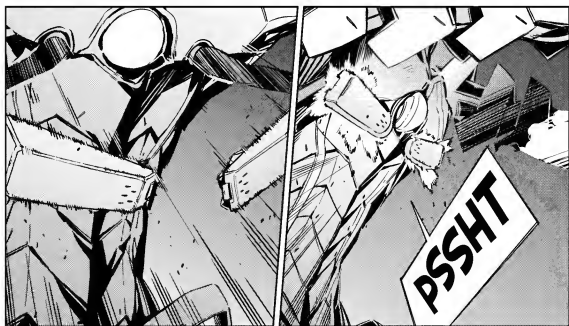
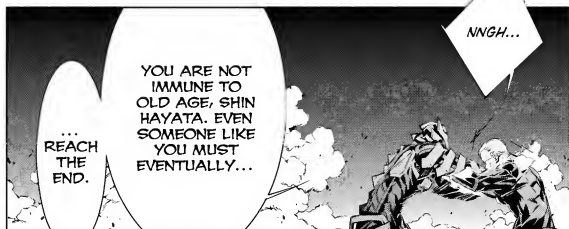


KIA



NG















WE
NEED TO
RETURN
TO BASE.



C'MON. I'LL
EXPLAIN
MORE
LATER.



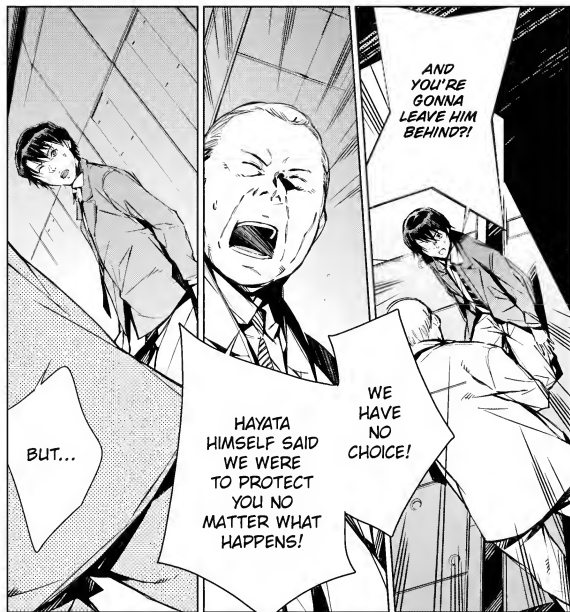
OUR FIRST
PRIORITY IS TO
GET YOU TO
SAFETY.

RETURN
TO...

BUT WHAT
ABOUT
DAD?!









...ALTHOUGH
YOU HAVE THE
ULTRAMAN
FACTOR...

...YOU CAN'T
BEAT HIM AT
YOUR CURRENT
POWER LEVEL.

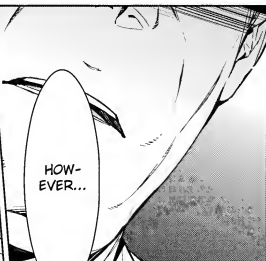


BUT...
BUT...

...
DAD...
HE'S...



DAMMIT!





I'D
CRUSH
THAT FAKE
ULTRAMAN
AND SAVE
DAD!

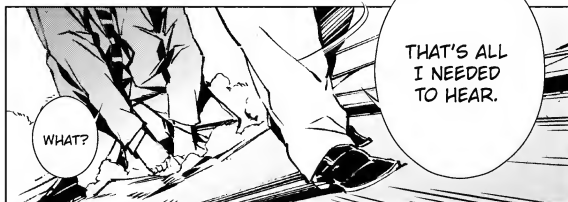
THERE'S
NO
QUESTION
ABOUT IT!



IF
YOUR...

...IF YOUR
POWER
COULD
SOMEHOW
BE
BOOSTED
...





WHAT?

THAT'S ALL
I NEEDED
TO HEAR.



I KNOW
WHAT HAYATA
WANTED TO
DO, BUT...

...I CAN'T
JUST LEAVE
HIM OUT
THERE, NO
MATTER WHAT
HE SAID.



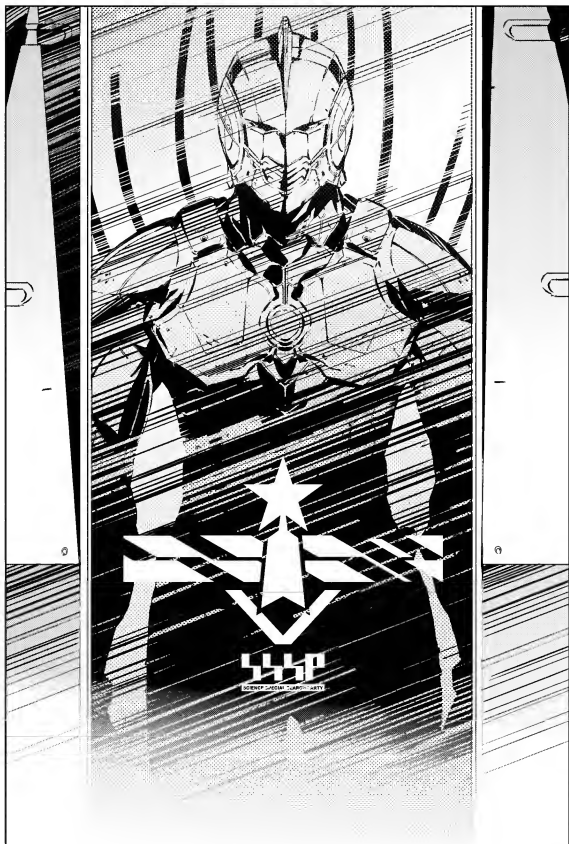




YUP.

ARE YOU
SURE YOU
WANT TO
DO THIS,
SHINJIRO?

ONCE YOU
PUT THIS
ON, THERE'S
NO TURNING
BACK...



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CHAPTER 4 - FATE





SO...



... YOU
ARE STILL
STANDING.



DON'T
UNDERESTIMATE
A FATHER'S
STRENGTH...





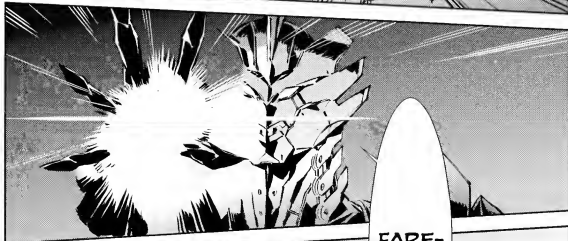


W-WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN...?



THE
CHILD
IS NOT
YOURS.

A FATHER?
YOU ARE
MISTAKEN.

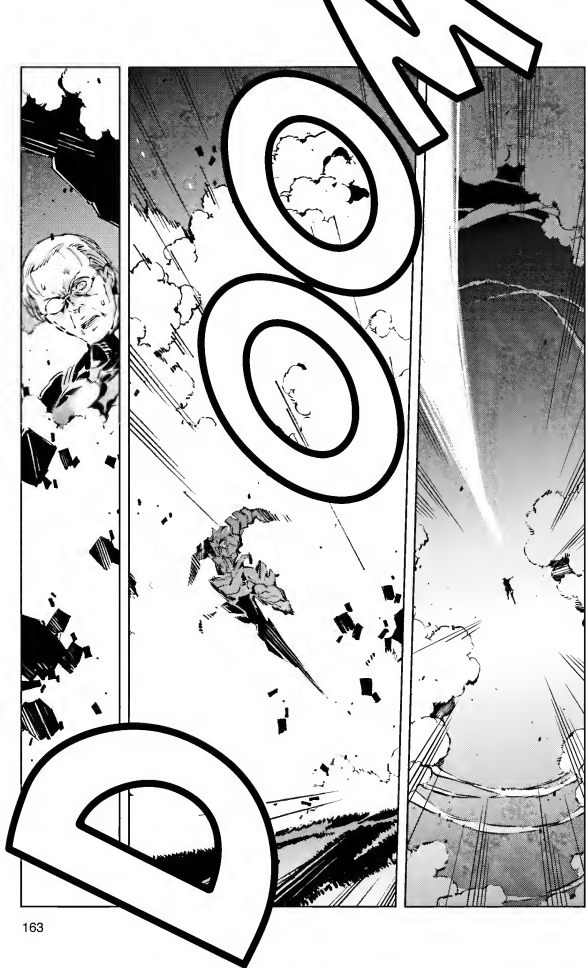


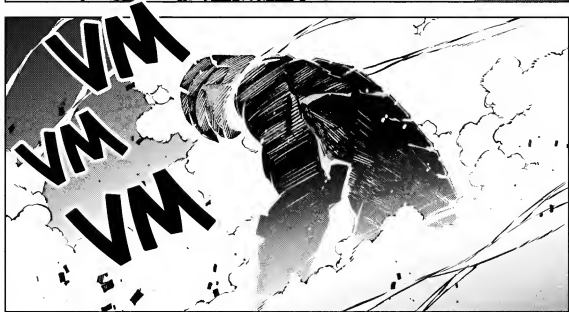
FARE-
WELL

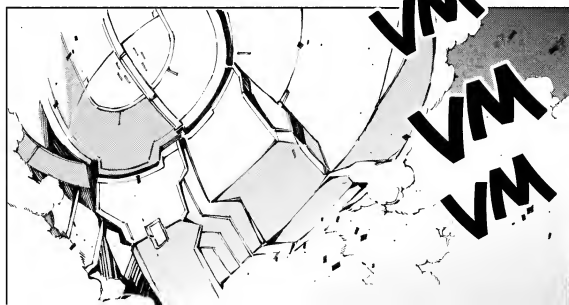
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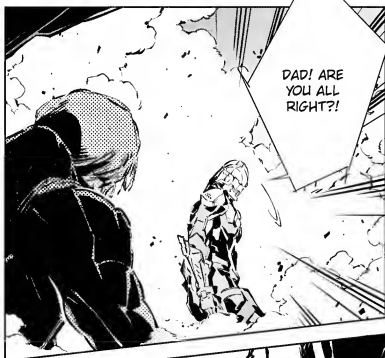


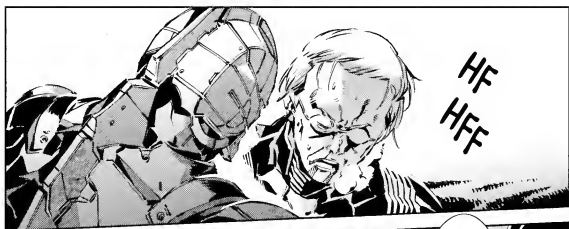






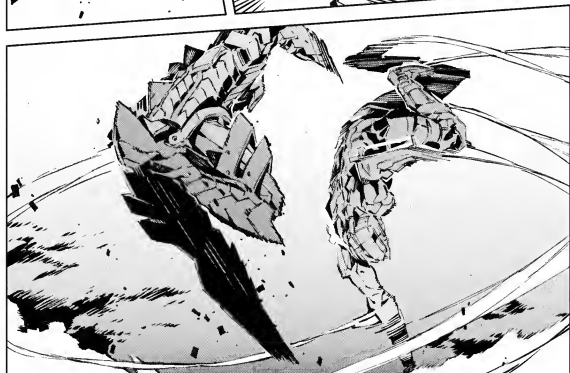
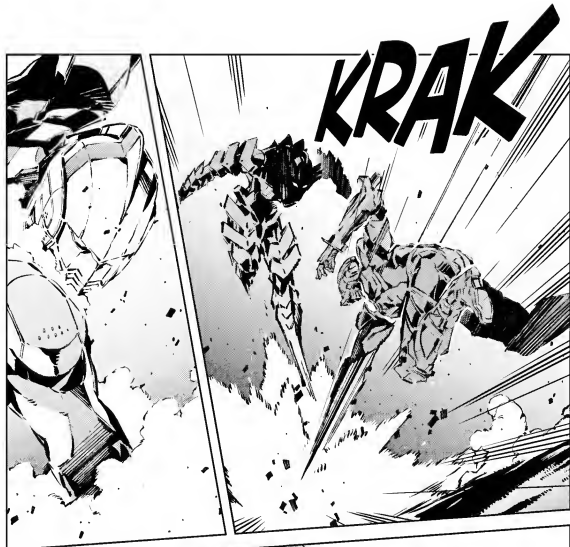


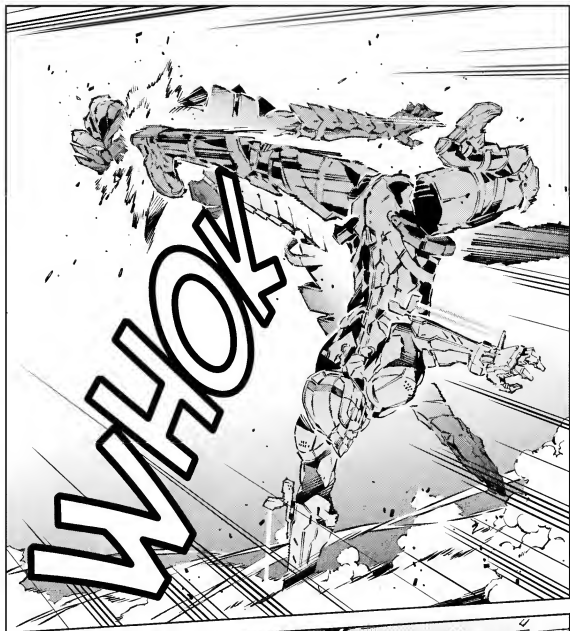




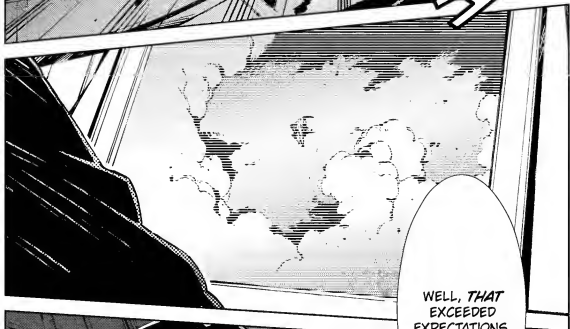












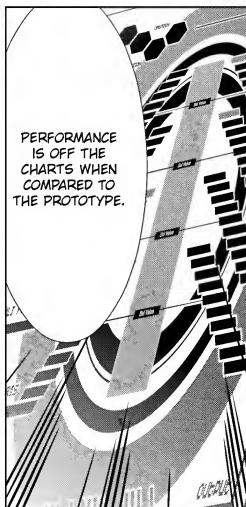
UH...
YEAH...

WELL, THAT
EXCEEDED
EXPECTATIONS.

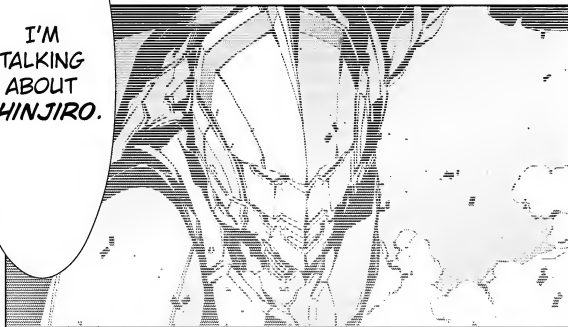


HUH?

I'M NOT
TALKING
ABOUT THE
SUIT.



I'M
TALKING
ABOUT
SHINJIRO.









WAS THIS FATE
UNAVOIDABLE
...?



...THE
MOMENT
I BECAME
ULTRAMAN?

WAS IT ALL
DECIDED...





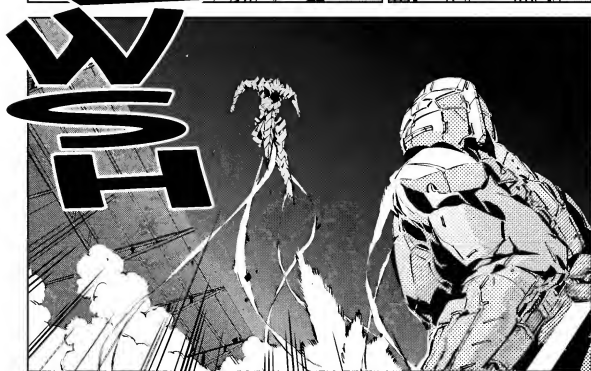




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CHAPTER 5 - RUSH

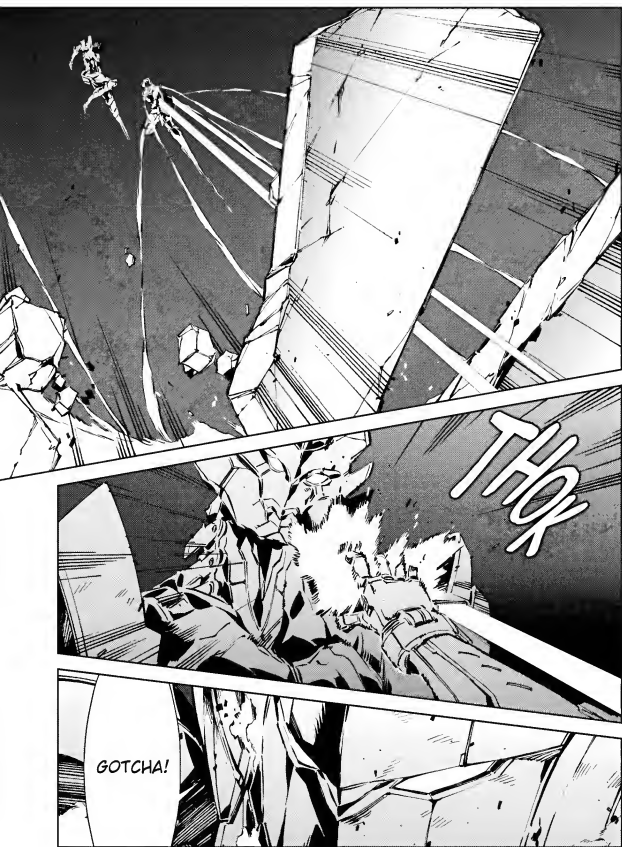


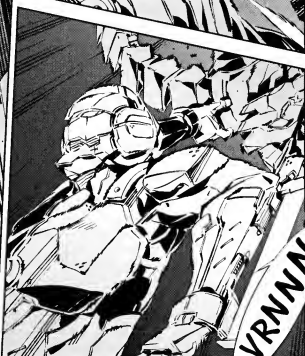
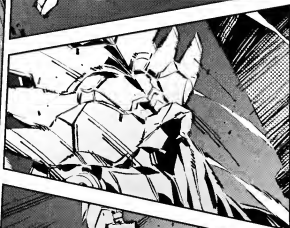
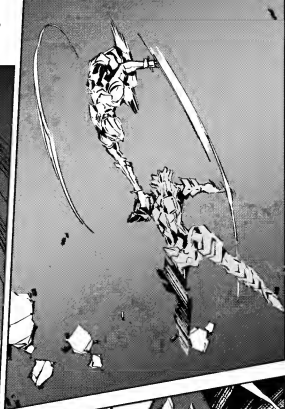






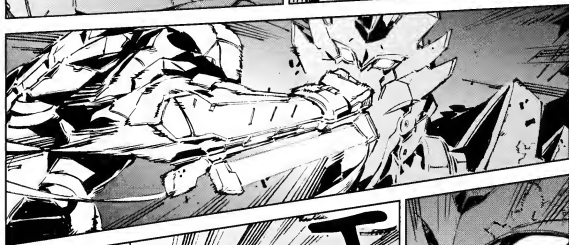
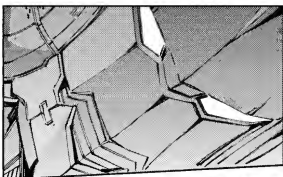
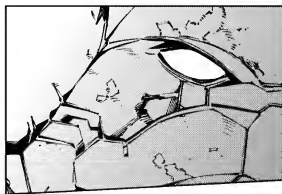


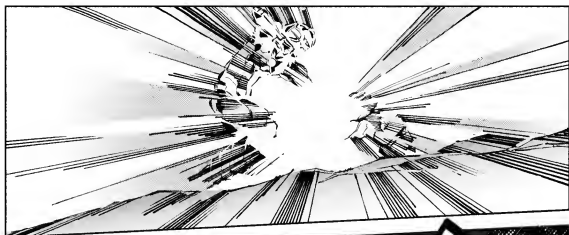


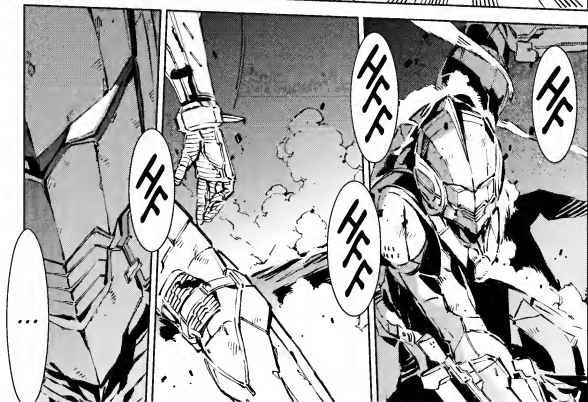




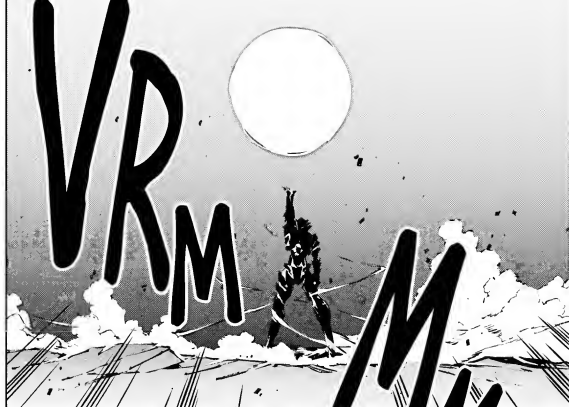
















JUST
DO IT!



KCHAK

THE CONTROL
UNIT ON
MY RIGHT
WRIST...

...TO THE
CONNECTOR
ON MY LEFT
WRIST...



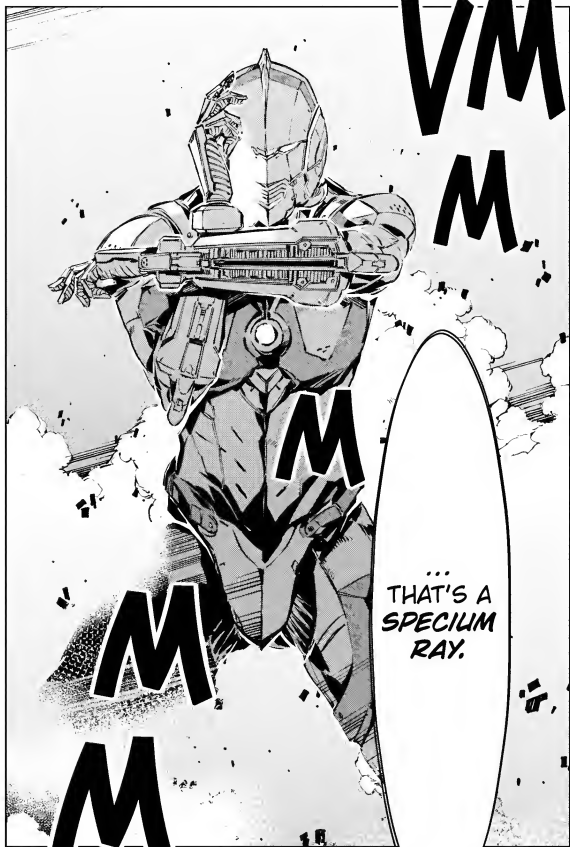
WAIT A
SECOND! IS
THIS...?



VWO

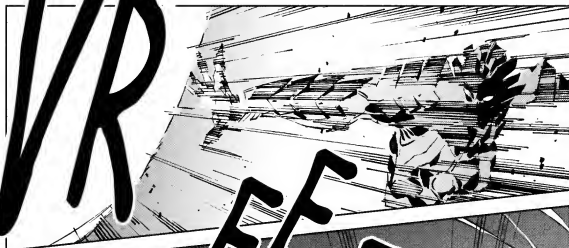
YES.

IT SURE IS,
SHINJIRO...

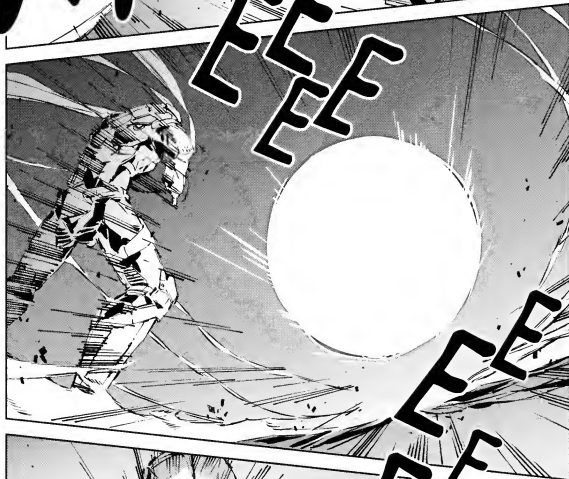


...
THAT'S A
SPECIUM
RAY.

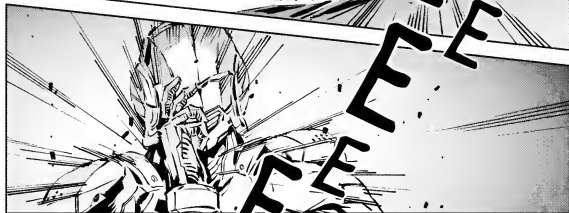
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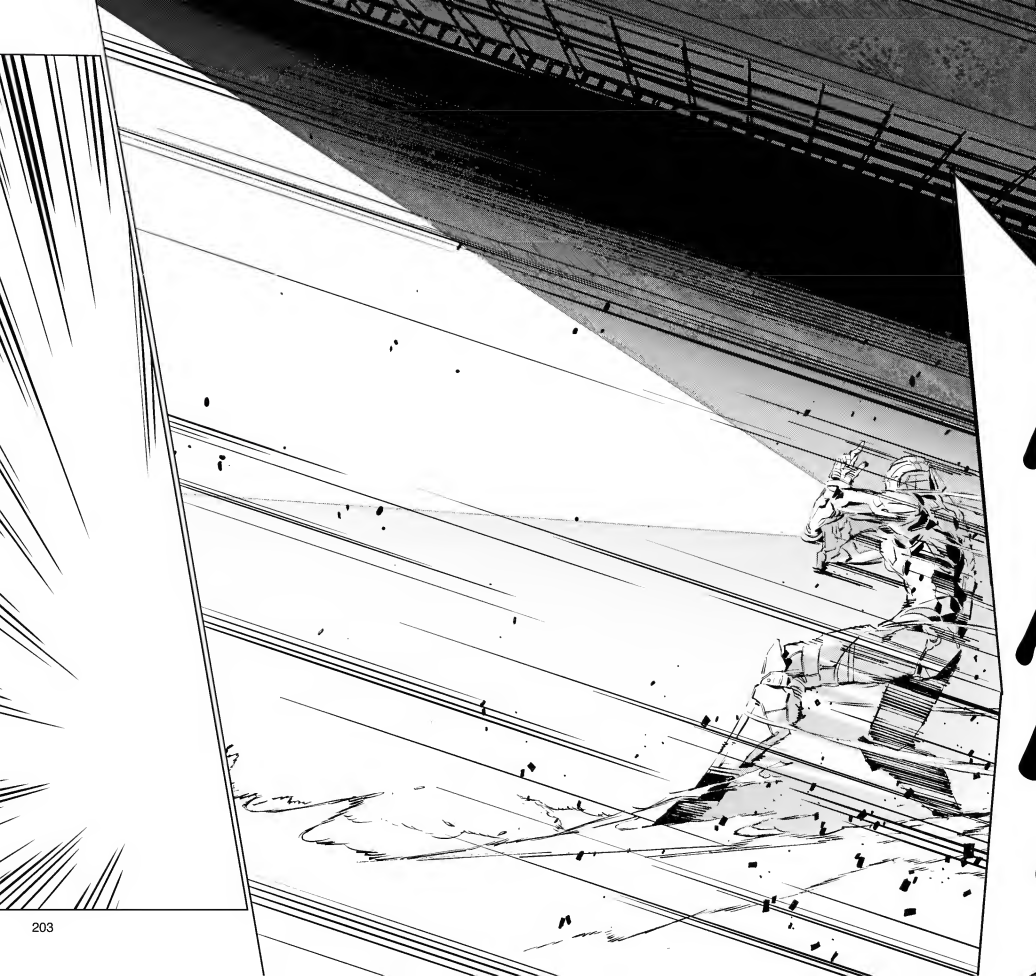


FFF



FFF





FIRE!



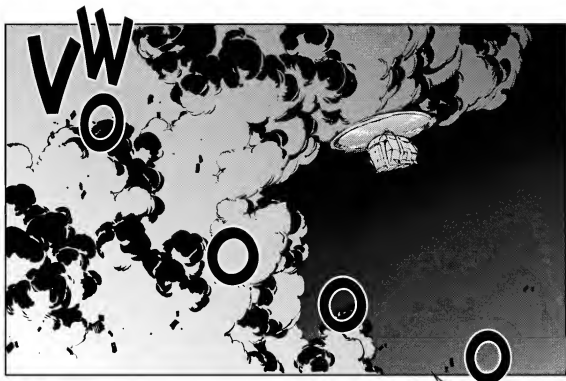


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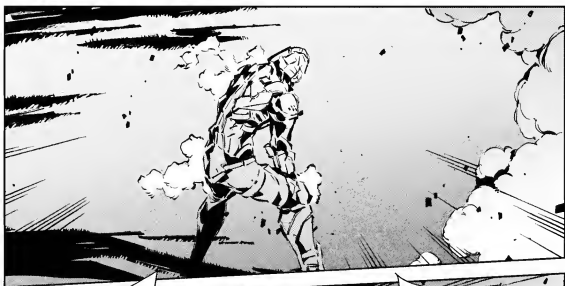
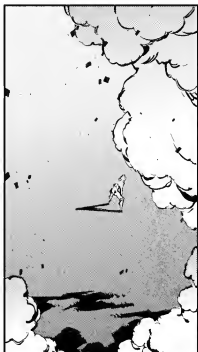
CHAPTER 6 - ENCOUNTER

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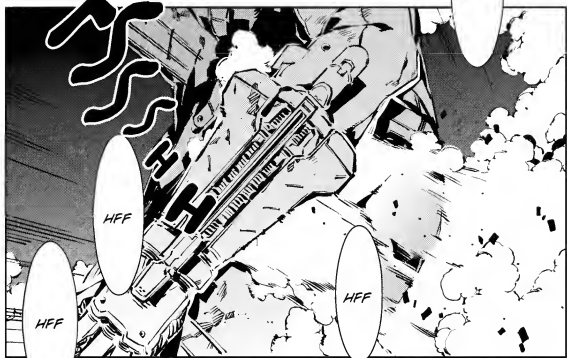








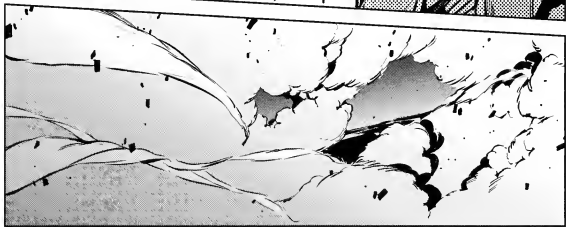
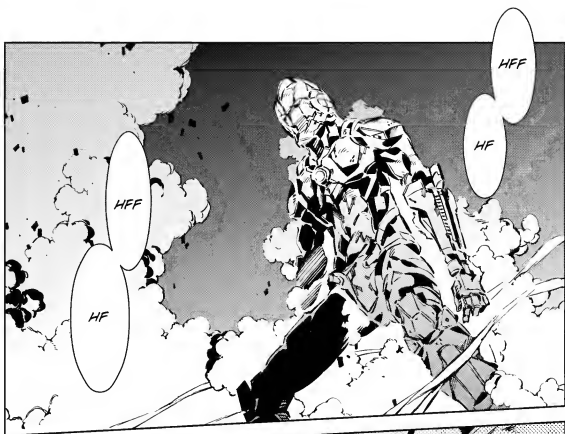
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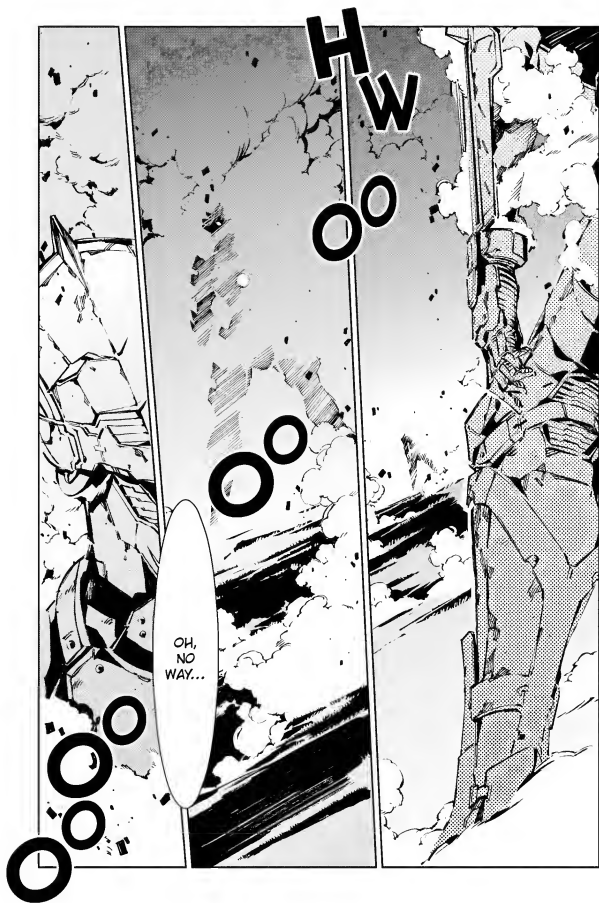


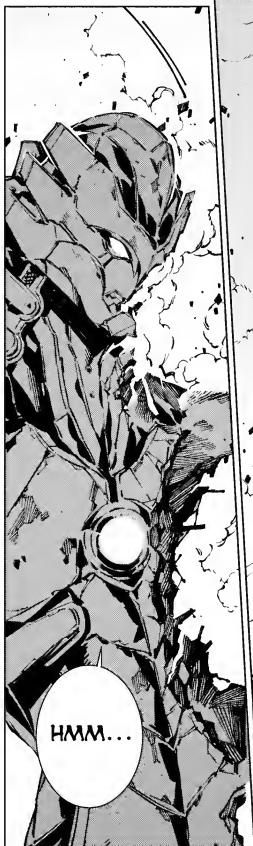
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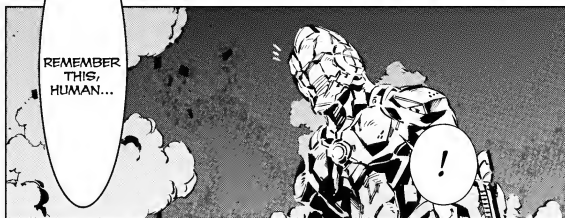
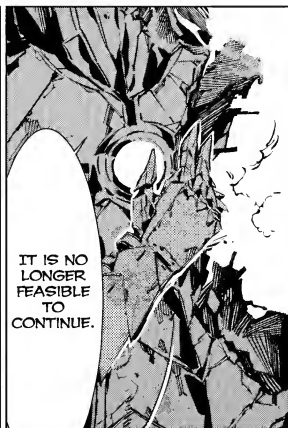
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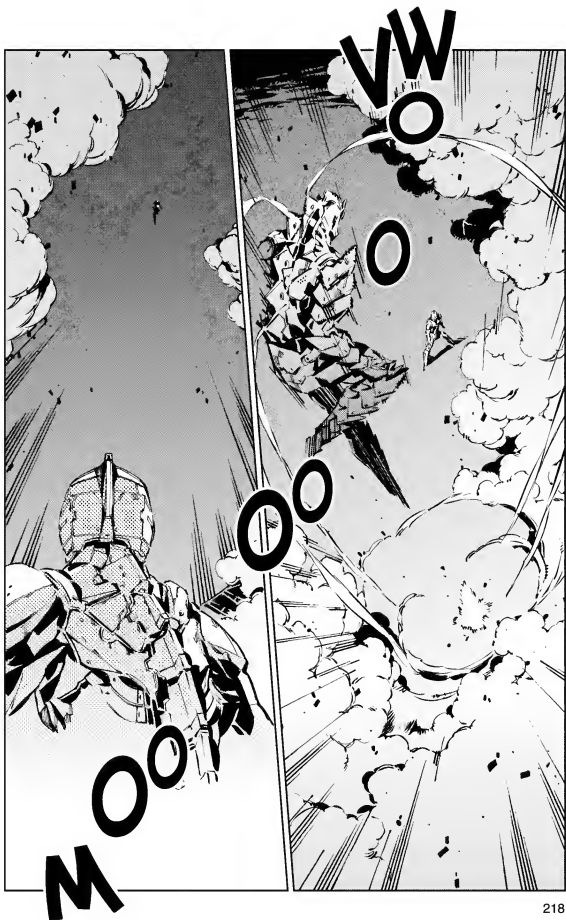






...
AND I'M
YOUR
VERY
FIRST
ENEMY
!

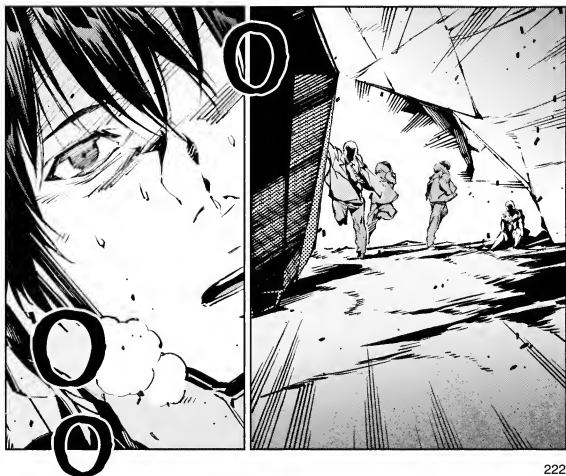
MY NAME
IS
BEMULAR
...





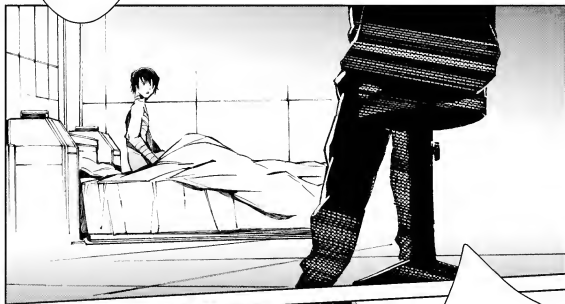
















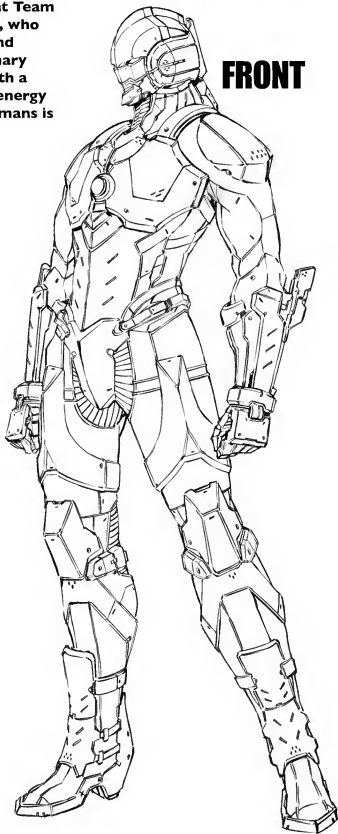


THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW AGE.

ULTRAMAN SUIT ★

An Ultraman-type exo-armor suit built specifically for Shinjiro Hayata. Created by the Technological Development Team (led by Mitsuhiro Ide) for Shinjiro, who possesses the Ultraman Factor and physical abilities far beyond ordinary humans. Each arm is equipped with a weapon that uses Specium as an energy source. Exo-armor for normal humans is currently in development.

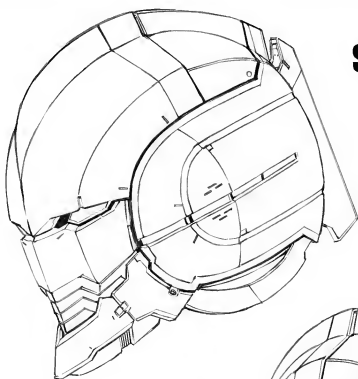
FRONT



REAR

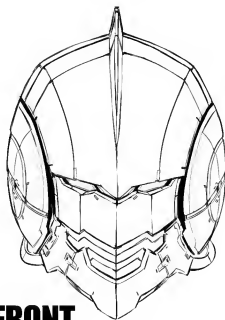
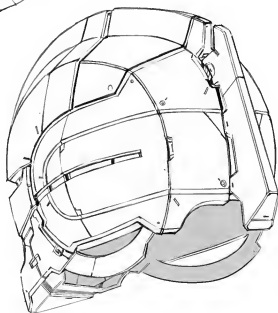


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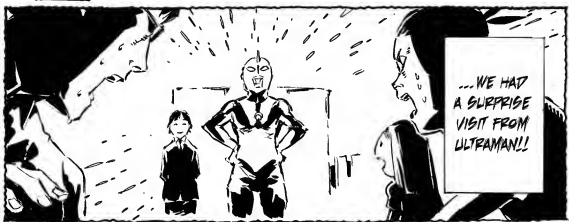
SIDE

REAR



FRONT

This mask can be donned and removed conventionally, but there is a simplified method where parts of the mask slide backwards. The shutter of the mouth section can be opened for clearer direct verbal communication.





SOB
SOB
SOB...



SHOULD
WE GO
EAT?

ANYWAY, THE
ULTRAMAN COMIC
HAS FINALLY
BEGIN. WE
HOPE YOU STICK
WITH US!

YEAH, I'M
HUNGRY.





EIICHI SHIMIZU X TOMOHIRO SHIMOBUCHI

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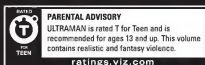
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